

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 924.53

REGULATIONS

§ 924.50 Marketing policy.

(a) Each season prior to making any recommendations pursuant to § 924.51, the committee shall submit to the Secretary a report setting forth its marketing policy for the ensuing season. Such marketing policy report shall contain information relative to:

- (1) The estimated total production of prunes within the production area;
 - (2) The expected general quality and size of prunes in the production area and in other areas;
 - (3) The expected demand conditions for prunes in different market outlets;
 - (4) The expected shipments of prunes produced in the production area and in areas outside the production area;
 - (5) Supplies of competing commodities;
 - (6) Trend and level of consumer income;
 - (7) Other factors having a bearing on the marketing of prunes; and
 - (8) The type of regulations expected to be recommended during the season.
- (b) In the event it becomes advisable, because of changes in the supply and demand situation for prunes, to modify substantially such marketing policy, the committee shall submit to the Secretary a revised marketing policy report setting forth the information prescribed in this section. The committee shall publicly announce the contents of each marketing policy report, including each revised marketing policy report, and copies thereof shall be maintained in the office of the committee where they shall be available for examination by growers and handlers.

§ 924.51 Recommendations for regulation.

(a) Whenever the committee deems it advisable to regulate the handling of any variety or varieties of prunes in the manner provided in § 924.52, it shall so recommend to the Secretary.

(b) In arriving at its recommendations for regulation pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, the committee shall give consideration to current information with respect to the factors affecting the supply and demand for prunes during the period or periods when it is proposed that such

regulation should be made effective. With each such recommendation for regulation, the committee shall submit to the Secretary the data and information on which such recommendation is predicated and such other available information as the Secretary may request.

§ 924.52 Issuance of regulations.

(a) The Secretary shall regulate, in the manner specified in this section, the handling of prunes whenever he finds, from the recommendations and information submitted by the committee, or from other available information, that such regulations will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act. Such regulations may:

- (1) Limit, during any period or periods, the shipment of any particular grade, size, quality, maturity, or pack or any combination thereof, of any variety or varieties of prunes grown in any district or districts: *Provided*, That whenever any regulation under this paragraph prescribes a specific maturity requirement applicable to the handling of any variety of prunes, such maturity requirement shall apply uniformly to all prunes of such variety grown in both districts;
- (2) Limit the shipment of prunes by establishing, in terms of grades, sizes, or both, minimum standards of quality and maturity during any period when season average prices are expected to exceed the parity level;
- (3) Fix the size, capacity, weight, dimensions, markings, or pack of the container, or containers, which may be used in the packaging or handling of prunes;
- (4) Prescribe requirements, as provided in this paragraph, applicable to exports of any variety of prunes which are different from those applicable to the handling of the same variety to other destinations.

(b) The committee shall be informed immediately of any such regulation issued by the Secretary, and the committee shall promptly give notice thereof to growers and handlers.

§ 924.53 Modification, suspension, or termination of regulations.

(a) In the event the committee at any time finds that, by reason of changed